What is claimed is:

1   1.   A first communication device comprising:

2   means for receiving an instant messaging (IM) message; and

3   means for conveying the IM message to a second communication device.

1   2.   A first communication device comprising:

2   receive logic configured to receive an instant messaging (IM) message; and

3   convey logic configured to convey the IM message to a second communication

4 device.

1   3.   The device of claim 2, wherein the convey logic is further configured to

2 automatically convey the IM message to the second communication device.

1   4.   A communication method comprising the steps of:

2   receiving an instant messaging (IM) message at a first communication device, the

3 IM message being intended for a recipient; and

4   conveying the IM message to a second communication device.

1   5.   The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:

2   determining presence of the intended recipient at the second communication

3 device prior to conveying the IM message to the second communication device.

1   6.   A communication method comprising the steps of:

2   receiving an instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient

3 having IM addresses;

4   determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses; and

5   conveying the received IM message to the IM addresses at which the recipient is

6 present.

1   7.   A communication method comprising the steps of:

2   receiving an instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient

3 having IM addresses;

4   determining a last active time for each of the IM addresses; and

5   conveying the received IM message to the IM address having a most recent last

6 active time.

1   8.   The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of:

2   determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses prior to

3 determining the last active time; and

4   wherein the step of determining the last active time comprises the step of

5 determining the last active time for each of the IM addresses at which the recipient is

6 present.

1   9.   The method of claim 8, wherein the step of conveying the received IM

2   message comprises the step of:

3   conveying the IM message to a most recent IM address at which the recipient is

4   present, the most recent IM address being the IM address having the most recent last

5   active time.

1   10.   The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of:

2   determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses; and

3   wherein the step of conveying the received IM message comprises the step of

4   conveying the received IM message to the IM address at which the recipient is present.

1   11.   A computer-readable medium comprising:

2   computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an

3   instant messaging (IM) message at a first communication device, the IM message being

4   intended for a recipient; and

5   computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the

6   IM message to a second communication device.

1   12.   The computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:

2   computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine

3   presence of the intended recipient at the second communication device prior to conveying

4   the IM message to the second communication device.

1   13.   A computer-readable medium comprising:

2   computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to receive an

3   instant messaging (IM) message intended for a recipient, the recipient having IM

4   addresses;

5   computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a

6   last active time for each of the IM addresses; and

7   computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the

8   received IM message to the IM address having a most recent last active time.

1   14.   The computer-readable medium of claim 13, further comprising:

2   computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a

3   presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses prior to determining the last active

4   time; and

5   computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine

6   the last active time for each of the IM addresses at which the recipient is present.

1   15.   The computer-readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:

2   computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the

3   IM message to a most recent IM address at which the recipient is present, the most recent

4   IM address being the IM address having the most recent last active time.

1   16.   The computer-readable medium of claim 13, further comprising:

2   computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine a

3   presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses; and

4   computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to convey the

5   received IM message to the IM address at which the recipient is present.